LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following list of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A flavored dosage form comprising a lozenge, wherein the lozenge comprises a sustained release matrix of:

(a) ~~approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.%~~ micronized ethylcellulose having a solution viscosity in the range of approximately 1 cP to 120 cP and representing approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of the lozenge; and

(b) ~~approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of~~ a flavoring agent selected from essential oils, constituents of essential oils, and mixtures thereof, the flavoring agent representing approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of the lozenge,

wherein the micronized ethylcellulose and the flavoring agent are admixed and present in the dosage form at a weight ratio of approximately 1:1.5 to 1.5:1, such that the dosage form has a soft, pliable consistency and gradually erodes in the mouth while simultaneously gradually releasing the flavoring agent over an extended time period ~~of at least 15 minutes~~ in the range of about 15 minutes to about 4 hours.

2. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the extended time period is in the range of about 15 minutes to about 60 minutes.

3. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the extended time period of is at least 60 minutes.

4. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 3, wherein the extended time period of is at least 2 hours.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 3 to 100 cP.

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7. (Original) The dosage form of claim 6, wherein the solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 6 to 49 cP.

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8. (Original) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the flavoring agent is an essential oil.

9. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 8, wherein the essential oil imparts a food flavor.

10. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 9, wherein the essential oil is citrus oil.

11. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 10, wherein the citrus oil is selected from lemon oil, lime oil, neroli oil, oil, and combinations thereof.

12. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 8, wherein the essential oil is a mint oil.

13. (Original) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the mint oil is peppermint oil, spearmint oil, or a combination thereof.

14. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 9, wherein the essential oil is selected from anise oil, cardamom oil, cinnamon oil, clove oil, coriander oil, eriodictyon fluidextract, eucalyptus oil, fennel oil, glycyrrhiza extract, lemon grass oil, nutmeg oil, and combinations thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the flavoring agent is a constituent of an essential oil.

16. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 15, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from terpenes, sesquiterpenes, and combinations thereof.

17. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the flavoring agent is a terpene.

18. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 17, wherein the terpene is selected from d,l-camphene, d-camphene, l-camphene, Δ^3-carene, trans-ß-ocimene, cis-ß-ocimene, trans-α-

ocimene, cis-α-ocimene, ß-pinene, ß-phellandrene, α-terpinene, ß-terpinene, γ-terpinene, and combinations thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the flavoring agent is a sesquiterpene.

20. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 19, wherein the sesquiterpene is selected from α-cadinene, ß-cadinene, α-caryophyllene, copaene, ß-farnesene, isocaryophyllene, ylangene, and combinations thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 15, wherein the flavoring agent is an organic acid, an alcohol, an aldehyde, a ketone, an ester, a phenyl ether, or a mixture thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 2\1, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from p-anisic acid, cinnarnic acid, phenylacetic acid, d,l-borneol, d-borneoL I-borneol, carvacrol, chavicol, cinnamyl alcohol, linalool, menthol, nerolidol, nerol, d,l-α-terpineol, d-α-terpineol, l-α-terpineol, thymol, acetaldehyde, anisaldehyde, cinnamaldehyde, benzaldehyde, citral, isovaleric aldehyde, piperonal, salicylaldehyde, valerie aldehyde, vanillin, carvone, jasmone, menthone, piperitone, amyl acetate, bornyl acetate, benzyl benzoate, butyl cinnamate, cinnarnyl ,mthranilate, geranyl acetate, linalyl acetate, menthyl acetate, menthyl isovalerate, methyl salicylate anethole, eugenol, safrol, estragole, and combinations thereof.

23-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, further including an effective sweetening amount of a sweetener.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 26, wherein the sweetener comprises a sweetening agent selected from aspartame, saccharin, sodium saccharin, calcium saccharin, sucralose, acesulfame-K, sorbitol, xylitol, steviosin, steviol, mannitol, erythritol, lactitol, and mixtures thereof.

30-45 (Canceled)

46. (Original) The dosage form of claim 1, further comprising a colorant.

47. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, further including at least one additive selected from release rate accelerants, release rate retardants, adhesion-increasing agents, adhesion-reducing agents, flavor stabilizers, flavor diluents, pH-adjusting agents, preservatives, lubricants, and fillers.

48-75. (Canceled)

76. (Withdrawn; previously presented) A method for achieving sustained release of a flavoring agent in the mouth over a an extended time period of at least 15 minutes, comprising administering the dosage form of claim 1 to the mouth of an individual and allowing the dosage form to remain in the individual's mouth for at least 15 minutes.

77-100. (Canceled)

101. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 29, wherein the sweetener comprises xylitol.

102. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has an ethoxyl content in the range of about 45.0% to 52.0%.

103. (Canceled)

104. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim [[103]] 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a mean particle size of about 20 microns.

105. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

106. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 103, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

107. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 104, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

108. (Previously presented) The dosage form of claim 47, wherein the at least one additive represents in the range of about 1 wt. % to about 45 wt. % of the lozenge.

109. (Currently amended) A dosage form for sustained release of a flavoring agent in the mouth, comprising a lozenge prepared by the process comprising:

admixing micronized ethylcellulose with a flavoring agent selected from essential oils, constituents of essential oils, and mixtures thereof, at a weight ratio of approximately 1:1.5 to 1.5:1, to provide a pliable matrix in which the micronized ethylcellulose and the flavoring agent each represent approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of the ~~matrix~~ (lozenge);

cutting the matrix to provide an individual dosage form; and

compressing the individual dosage form to provide the lozenge.